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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOCKING A TABLE IN A NETWORK SWITCH | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the specification and claims as follows:

Please amend the specification as reflected in the "Amendment to the Specification"
referred to on page 2 of this preliminary amendment.

Please amend the claims as reflected in the "Amendment to the Claims" referred to on
page 3 of this preliminary amendment.